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In Re Patent Application of:
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Title: CONTROL VALVE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action, dated December 14, 2004. This response is being timely filed on January 14, 2005. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows.